

2015 PARADE RULES AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

All Floats/Entries must follow the following Rules and Safety Guidelines which will ensure a safe and enjoyable parade for everyone. Thank you.

Parade Theme: All Float/Entries must incorporate the 2015 theme, “*Salute to our Veterans*” in some way. Decorations can include: balloons, streamers, flags, bunting, flowers, banners, etc.

Pre-Parade Safety Meeting on July 2nd: 7 P.M., Hingham High School (Union Street entrance), attendance required by one representative for each Float/Truck entry. A Hingham Police Department representative will review parade safety and route information for line up, assembly and disassembly.

Parade Date July 4th - Assembly and Disassembly

1. 8 AM: Floats/Entries arrive and line up in parade formation. Enter by Main Street for line up in front of High School’s Pleasant Street entrance.
2. 8:15 AM: Representatives “check in” at the Parade Committee Tent.
3. 8:30 AM: Passengers arrive and load safely onto Floats and Trucks.
4. 8:45 AM: Judging of all Floats/Entries shall be conducted.
5. NO ONE shall be permitted to ride on a float as it is being transported to and from the parade site. Float/Truck riders shall meet at the designated line up location to load onto vehicles and unload at the end of the parade (Station Street Parking Lot). Plan and communicate time and location for both arrival and pick up.
6. Look for the Parade Committee Representatives wearing the lime green safety vests.
7. Note, restrooms are available inside the High School.
8. Dress for weather conditions, there is no rain date, only the 4th.

Float Rules and Safety Guidelines

1. Float entries must be structurally sound and may not be more than 13’6” high.
2. Each Float shall require volunteers to walk alongside the entry during the entire parade route to ensure clearance and to keep spectators away from the moving vehicles. Floats with trailers up to 20 ft. shall require one walker on each side when trailer is in motion and those greater than 20 feet shall require 2 walkers on each side.
3. All float drivers must possess a valid motor vehicle operator’s license and be experienced.
4. Once the Float is positioned in the assembly area, a driver and representative must be in attendance at all times in the event there are questions or the float needs to be moved.
5. Throwing items to the crowd is prohibited including candy – participants need to walk to the curb to hand out candy. THIS RULE IS STRICTLY ENFORCED for safety reasons.
6. Absolutely, no squirt guns or distribution of literature, advertisement, coupons, or product samples.
7. Do plan to have enough adult supervision. Participants may not get on or off the moving float or vehicle during the parade unless in case of emergency.
8. Entries will be inspected prior to the parade. The Parade Committee reserves the right to approve all entries and remove an entry not conforming to the parade theme, parade rules or refusing to follow the instructions of the Hingham Police Department or Parade Committee Officials.

Questions about your application, contact Robin Nickerson at 781-385-0929. Questions about the safety guidelines, contact the Hingham Police Chief, Glenn Olsson at 781-804-2201.